

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 2174 – SB 2124

February 26, 2018

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Requires the Department of Education (DOE) to make available on its website Bible course curriculums that may be adopted by a local education agency (LEA). Requires the DOE to notify each LEA in writing, no later than July 1 of each year, that LEAs may provide a state-funded elective Bible course, and to inform each LEA of the methods available for adopting an elective Bible course curriculum.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (013566): Deletes and replaces all language after the enacting clause such that the only substantive changes are: (1) to require the DOE to list each LEA that offers the Bible course on its website; (2) to require the DOE to post academic standards for the Bible course on its website; and (3) to require the State Board of Education (SBE) to include the Bible course on its list of approved high school classes.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

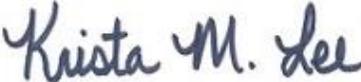
Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- No change in the Basic Education Program (BEP) funding formula.
- The DOE and the SBE will be able to provide the necessary information in accordance with the provisions of this legislation during the normal course of business; therefore, any fiscal impact is estimated to be not significant.
- Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-6-1026 currently authorizes the SBE to authorize elective state-funded Bible courses. This legislation will not impact the overall number of courses that the SBE approves.
- No significant impact to local government operations.

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CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



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